

Fishing reported to be good

Coffee County Lake enjoys successful reopening

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Fishing at the Coffee County lake returned recently, and according to Jonas Messick, manager, things are going very well.

"The lake had been closed for two years prior to reopening," said Messick. "It was during this time when the lake was drained, cleaned and restocked with fish."

Since taking over responsibilities as manager of the Coffee County Lake, Messick said the major improvement that has been made is getting the grass cut so people can fish off the bank of the lake. He also said he has proposed an overnight camping area to the State and officials are "thinking it over," so to speak.

Another planned future improvement is a new bait shop. At the beginning of next year, Messick said the State is planning to tear down the old bait shop and build a new one. At this point, however, it is only in the planning stages.

"We offer many different kinds of bait and fishing tackle," said Messick.

He said all of the supplies in the bait shop were purchased from the old Elba Bait Shop, owned by the late Doris Farmer.

Messick said the Coffee County Lake Bait Shop offers a wide selection of live baits, such as crickets, mill worms, pink worms, red worms (jumbo and regular) and red worms. There also are various assortments of packaged catfish baits, frozen chicken livers and catapulas worms (when available).

Inside the bait shop, Messick said refreshments such as chips, cookies, and drinks are available for purchase. He added that hamburgers and hot dogs are made to order and served in the future.

When asked about the fishing since reopening the lake,

Messick said, "No one has had any trouble catching their limit."

The first day the lake was open, he said 900 pounds of fish were caught, and on the second day, 700 pounds were caught. "Bream and catfishing has been really good, and bass fishing has been average," said Messick.

He also said he has been telling many people the dumb fish have already been caught, and it takes smart fishermen to catch the smart fish.

The lake is open Tuesday-Sunday from 5:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. On Saturday's the lake will remain open until 10 p.m. On Monday's the lake will be closed all day.

There is a \$2 per day (per person) fishing fee. To launch a personal boat, there is an additional \$2 fee.

Messick said boats are available for rent at a cost of \$3 and trolling motors with batteries may be rented for an additional fee. At this time, he is also offering a special boat rental for two people which includes the boat, trolling motor and battery, two lifevests, an oar and an anchor for \$15. This includes the launch fee but does not include the fishing fee.

"I would just like to invite everyone to come and fish and have fun," said Messick. "Even

if you don't want to fish just enjoy the scenery. We have picnic tables and charcoal grills for a day in the outdoors."

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UDC presents awards to volunteers

On Sunday, May 20, the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society met for the last regular meeting of the year. Dr. Jack Oden called the meeting to order and installed the officers and board members for the society for 2007-2008.

Mrs. Shirley Edberg and Mrs. Donna Clark of the General Edmond Winchester Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy presented Judah P. Benjamin Awards to two historical society volunteers. The awards were presented for outstanding civic contributions.

Mrs. Edberg told those present that the award was named for Judah P. Benjamin who was an outstanding statesman and the only Jewish member of President Jefferson Davis' Confederate Cabinet. The awards were presented to Mr. Louie Reynolds, director of the Enterprise Welcome Center, and to Mr. Larry Herbst, director of the Depot Museum. Both the Welcome Center and the Depot Museum are sponsored by the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society.

These men have volunteered for many years and are in charge of recruiting volunteers and the general management for their individual center. The Enterprise Welcome Center is one of the first locations that visitors and new residents to the community may visit to learn about Enterprise. On the other hand the Depot Museum is a wonderful place for residents, school children, and visitors to learn about the past with its more than 1500 reminders of days gone by.

Dr. Oden presented the program entitled, "Old Time Religion." He discussed the "second spiritual awakening" in our country, which took place in the early 1800s. He entertained those present as he related stories of experiences of the early Circuit Riders as they traveled the frontier with their Bible, songbook, and a copy of Paradise Lost in their saddlebags.

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EDITORIAL

CORRECTION

In last week's edition of The Elba Clipper, there was an error in the article regarding the Coffee County Commission. In reference to the commission voting to hire a new county administrator, Commissioner Robert Stephens explained his reasons for voting against the motion to hire Kathy Lolley. Where the article indicated that Stephens said he could agree with starting salary of \$75,000, it should have read - he could not agree with a starting salary of \$75,000. We regret this typographical error and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Rain has been in short supply in this part of Alabama in most of 2007, but believe it or not, we have fared better than other parts of the South. Monday we viewed a satellite image of the whole Southeast and this part of the state actually has some "green" spots, indicating patchy areas with "better" if not ample rainfall for the year. That is hard to accept as Hedy and I were laughing, counting raindrops on the windshield a couple of weeks ago when driving through Dothan on Saturday afternoon. All that makes the light rains and/or thunderstorms of today (Tuesday) so sweet - e-e-t!

Dorsey Trailers will actually be back into production in Elba in the foreseeable future. Several new employees are now at work readying the plant for production, and applications are being taken for other workers. Elba native David Dorsey, son of the late Kimmie and Betty Dorsey, has been named General Manager and is scouting everywhere trying to get the plant up and running. Representatives of the new owners, Pitts Enterprises, have been in town on several occasions doing their part in getting things started. This could be a case of "good things come to those who wait".

The blueberries in our backyard are getting ripe and it is an continuing effort to get them before the birds gobble them down. It has been so dry that we put the water hose on them several times in the past month in an effort to ensure the normal large, sweet berries. That part worked and now the water nature is providing should take us through the balance of the berry season.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 11, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for harassment communications, one for burglary, one for theft of property, one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one for lost medication, one for disorderly conduct, one for harassment, two for a lost phone, one for lost property, one for driving under the influence and one for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: two for criminal possession of a forged instrument, one for failure to appear, one for disorderly conduct and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a revoked driver's license, one for speeding, six for not wearing a seat belt, one for duty to give information to render aid, one for no proof of insurance, one for violation of the noise ordinance and one for a canceled driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 11 - Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (9:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 867 County Rd. 455 (12:20 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (7:40 p.m.); Possible burglary attempt reported at 1234 Kelley Dr. (10:12 p.m.); Two vehicle wreck reported on E.

Davis St. (10:45 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 - Domestic disturbance reported at the Beaver Dam Apts. parking lot (1:05 a.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 808 Putnam St. (9:01 a.m.); Theft reported at 2524 Taylor Mill Rd. (9:04 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported near 1229 Martin Luther King Dr. (10:07 p.m.); Possible prowler reported at 356 Dr. Roberts Dr. (10:54 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 14 - Possible prowler reported at 1051 Morrow Ave. (12:45 a.m.); Possible prowler reported at 920 Payne St. (1:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 134 (9:16 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1529 Powell Circle (5:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21903 Hwy. 189 N. (4:41 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 201 (5:12 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the area of the Mulberry ball field (7:52 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 725 Roosevelt Dr. (9:56 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 725 Roosevelt Dr. (11:37 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (11:59 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 - Possible assault reported at 963 Smith Ave. (5:39 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jones St. (8:15 p.m.); Wreck (hit and run) reported on Claxton Ave. (9:24 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1857 Hwy. 141 (10:13 p.m.); Coffee

County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 167 (11:24 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 - Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of the Mulberry ball field (1:13 a.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported at 831 E. Davis St. (1:48 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 607 Mullins Circle (3:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 607 Mullins Apts. (3:19 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at the ball field near Jackson St. (6:39 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported near 630 Jackson St. (7:37 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

• **ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST** - A.A.M.S. addition recovery ministry services - (fghjklv) - 7 p.m. - Ino Baptist Church. Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com.

• **ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information.

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Courtroom: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m.-City Hall.

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Gurnett Classroom.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• **LEONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office.

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month- 7 p.m. -

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 9-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5835.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Entertainment.

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M., the FBO office at the Airport.

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• **ELBA ELWANS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library.

Far East Imports recalls fireworks due to eye injury hazard

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Far East Imports, of Pittsburgh, Kan. has announced a voluntary fireworks recall of 300 Shot Saturn Missiles Battery Fireworks. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

These fireworks devices can travel in an unexpected and dangerous direction, which could pose eye and other injury hazards to bystanders. The recalled fireworks are a 200 gram multi shot device that consists of 300 individual missiles with a single fuse for ignition. The device measures 2 1/2" by 2 3/4" by 3 1/4" and its packaging has a red and yellow label and the words "Saturn Missiles-Battery-300 Shots Finale" printed on it.

Sold by Boomer Distributors nationwide from April 2006

through July 2006 for \$10.

Consumers should immediately stop using this fireworks and contact Far East Imports for a replacement product.

Customer Contact: For additional information, contact Far Jakes Fireworks Inc. recalls fireworks sold by World Class Distributors due to hazards

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with World Class Distributors, today announced a voluntary recall of "March or Die Mine/Shell Fireworks Devices". Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Distributor was Jakes Fireworks Inc., of Pittsburgh, Kas.

The tubes on these fireworks devices could become loose, making the devices unstable during use. If the device tips

East Imports at (800) 766-1277 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (ET Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at www.fareastimporting.com or <http://www.fareastimporting.com> m2.

over during use, it could pose burn and injury hazards to bystanders.

The recalled fireworks are a 500 gram mine/shell device that consists of nine, 3-inch tubes with a single fuse for ignition. The device measures 16"x16"x13" and its packaging is a dark blue cardboard label with the words "March or Die" printed in red.

Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact Jakes Fireworks for a replacement product.

For additional information, contact Jakes Fireworks at (800) 766-1277 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at www.jakesfireworks.com or <http://www.jakesfireworks.com> m2.



Keith Hardy, left, was the top sell for raffie tickets for the MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe Pow Wow in May.

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Class members of the New Brockton High School Class of 1957 in attendance for the recent 50-year reunion included: (front row) Reba (Ramsey) Blissite, Elizabeth (Herring) Lindsey and Curtis (Wright) Dockerty; (second row) Leon Pittman, Joe Bailey, Jerry Sawyer, Doyle Bass, Karl Windham and Gerald Peacock; (third row) Carolyn (Lambert) Westbrook, Esta (Peacock) Underwood, Glenda (Maddox) Roberts, Betty (Tindal) Young and Tommie (Allen) Harding.

New Brockton High School's Class of 1957 gathers for 50-year reunion

The New Brockton High School Class of 1957 recently celebrated their 50-year reunion with a trip to Blairsville, Ga.

14 class members and 11 spouses enjoyed a week of activities that included shopping, sightseeing, golfing, hiking, a pontoon boat ride, dining out and karaoke. One special evening was devoted to sharing memories of school days and friends.

A highlight of the trip was visiting in the home of class-

mate Curtis (Wright) Dockerty and husband Jim. They surprised the class by having a classic '57 Chevy parked on their lawn when the group arrived.

A trip down memory lane was enjoyed by the class as they watched a DVD of their school years prepared by Glenda (Maddox) Roberts. It was a wonderful week for the class of '57, and they are already looking forward to their next time together.

Services available for low income seniors

by Martha Anderson

"I'm planning to go tomorrow with my nephew to the nursing home to fill out some papers to get on the waiting list," Miss Pearl said. "Do you think I still need to go?" She wondered because I was taking an application to admit her to SARCOA's Frail Elderly and Disabled Medicaid Waiver program. This program provides services in the home, at no cost to the individual, for low-income people who medically qualify for the nursing home. I told her that she could put her name on the nursing home waiting list and while she was waiting she could see if the services in her home were sufficient to meet her needs for a while longer. As it turned out, Miss Pearl stayed in her apartment, with services, for another nine years before going to the nursing home.

Miss Pearl, now deceased, was the widow of a church pastor. She lived alone and was in her 80s when I first met her. She had no children and very little family. She had chronic health problems, a low income and few assets. Without services in her home, she would have gone to the nursing home. She was ideal for the Medicaid Waiver program but a person can have children, a spouse and other family and still be on the program.

This program is wonderful for our state and taxpayers too since Miss Pearl and everyone on this program qualifies for Medicaid to pay for their nursing home costs. With nursing home cost at approximately \$4,000 per month and E & D Medicaid Waiver, on average, \$800 per month, this represents a savings of \$3,200 per year per person. For the nine years that Miss Pearl was on the program, the state and tax payers saved \$345,600 for this one person.

To qualify for the program, prospective clients must be either on "full" Alabama Medicaid or eligible for Alabama Medicaid and meet certain standards of medical need established by Medicaid. Some people are not currently on Medicaid but would qualify if not for the income of their spouse. If the spouse in need of care has a low income (\$643 or less), then they may qualify for this service.

The services assigned to the person in need of help are selected from the following:

- Homemaker Services which include meal preparation, food shopping, errand running and routine household care.
- Personal Care which includes bathing, dressing, ambulation, housekeeping, feeding and supervising the self-administration of medications.
- Respite Care which is provided to individuals unable to care for themselves. The worker stays with the client in the client's home for a short period of time allowing the caregiver a break from the home.
- Case Management is provided for each client. The Case Manager coordinates services, makes home visits, provides an ongoing needs assessment, and information and referrals for

Obituaries

EXPRESS YOUR
VIEWS
WRITE A LETTER
TO THE EDITOR

GARY LEE BRINKMEIER
Mr. Gary Lee Brinkmeier, age 43, of Level Plains, Ala., died Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at his residence.

Graveside funeral services were held June 7, 2007 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Elba, Ala., with Reverend John W. Hicks officiating and Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather: Betty and Kenneth Hicks, New Brockton, Ala.; his father: Richard L. Brinkmeier, Preppert, Ill.; one sister: Cheryl Skinner, Enterprise, Ala.; two brothers: Michael Brinkmeier, Panama City, Fla., Tony Brinkmeier, Orlando, Fla.; and three nieces and three nephews.

GROVER C. PURVIS

Mr. Grover C. Purvis died Monday, June 4, 2007, at Southeast Medical Center in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held June 12, 2007 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., with Rev. Darryl Caldwell officiating. Burial followed at Bethlehem Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Purvis was preceded in death by his father, Alfonso Purvis.

Survivors include his mother: Nary Purvis, Elba, wife: Mary Ann Purvis, Elba; one daughter: Nicole Purvis, Roxboro, N.C.; three brothers: Alfred (wife Vernetter) Purvis, Elba, Willie (wife Marietta) Hines, Opp, Ala., Eric (Mary) Jones, Troy, Ala.; and two sisters: Peggy Clark, Elba, and Brenda Purnell, Brantley, Ala.

BERNICE VAUGHAN

Mrs. Bernice Vaughan Maddox, age 81, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, June 16, 2007, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services were held June 18, 2007 at Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home chapel with Reverends Ron Ball, Dean Moore and Glenn Crumpler officiating. Burial followed in the Meadowlark Cemetery, Enterprise, with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing. Memorial contributions may be made to the Heritage United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 2911 Rucker Blvd., Enterprise, Ala. 36330.

Mrs. Maddox was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Flora McArthur Vaughan; and her brother, Lamar Vaughan.

Survivors include her husband: Elton W. "Bill" Maddox, Enterprise; daughter: Gail Jones (John), Atlanta, Ga.; son: Elton W. Maddox Jr. (Pam), Birmingham, Ala.; five grandchildren: Andy Jones (Cathi), Atlanta, Alan Jones (Jennifer), Snead, Ala., Adam Jones (Jennifer), Atlanta, Meredith Maddox, Birmingham, Elton W. Maddox III (Jackie), Birmingham; three great-grandchildren: Abby and Allison Jones, Atlanta and Samuel Jones, Snead.

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A Note of Thanks

The family of **Redgie Kelley** wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and other acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

May God Bless You,
The Family of Redgie Kelley

WILLIAM JOSEPH (Joe Bill) SMITH

Thank you for the food, prayers

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Philip B. Box-Minister
at Elba Church of Christ

Vanderbilt Holiness Church plans Gospel Singing for June 23

**Round & About
With Eria
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SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:1-22

Enterprise, Alabama at New Zion Lodge #457 and hosted by Valonia Chapter #306. The celebration will be held on June 24, 2007 beginning at 3 p.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: Odessa Robinson-June 12 (In Memory Of), Johnnie McBride-June 12, Theo Johnson-June 13, Patti Williams Culver-June 14, Jasmine Henderson-June 15, Susette Harten-June 16,

CENTENNIAL #1 BAPTIST CHURCH, 4568 Lorie Road, Evergreen, Alabama will honor Pastor and Mrs. Michael Clemons on Sunday, June 24, 2007 beginning at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Tarentum, Ala. and Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama.

NURSE KATHY BOZEMAN speaks to the ladies of the Alabama Farmer Federation about adult vaccinations. Mrs. Bozeman yearly up dates the women on health issues.

**Dorcas Baptist Church
to hear The Rivertown
Girls on July 8**

Dorcas Baptist Church will have The Rivertown Girls from Blountstown, Florida in concert on July 8th at 6:00 pm. For more information, call Fred Hussey at 897-8792.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

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**THE COFFEE COUNTY
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**"X-Treme Youth Fire"
Area Wide Youth
Rally Will be June 23**

The "X-Treme Youth Fire Area Wide Youth Rally will be held June 23, 2007. The rally will begin at 7 p.m. at the Samson Recreation Park Pavilion, located on Highway 87, Samson, Ala. at Samson Elementary School.

For more information contact
Jeremy Forehand- (334) 692-
3727 or (334) 692-5478.

Youth Rally to be held June 23 at Opp Church of God

A youth rally will be held at the Opp Church of God, Opp, Ala. on June 23, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Bro. James Adkins. Youth of all ages are invited to attend.

For more information contact Pastor Buford Smith: (334) 469-9200 or (334) 50

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 like you've never experienced before!
 Children age 3 through grade 6 are admitted free
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In this one-week season, you will hear play-by-play Bible stories, participate in successful crafts, warm up to motivating music, eat snacks from the concession stand, and train in the recreation field house.

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Friday Prayer Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It is sad that many times we don't realize the importance of a holiday until it is too late to share our thoughts and maybe make a difference in someone's life. That happened last weekend on Father's Day when I sat down and thought about all the good times I shared with my Dad, and then shed a tear when I realized how much I miss him. Late in his life the visits came less and less as I always put other things ahead of making a trip home, and now that he is gone, I only wish I could make the trip and tell him how much I love him. Maybe one day I will get to see him again, give him a hug and take a long walk to share the things we missed over the years.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The all-star season began last week, and as I sat down to write this week's column the Elba Dixie Angels All-Stars were one of two undefeated teams left in the sub-district softball tournament. The All-Stars posted wins over Luverne and Brantley in the opening rounds to advance to a showdown with unbeaten Opp, and it looks like the Stars have a real shot at advancing to district play. These girls and coaches worked hard getting ready for the tournament and have represented their league well. Great job girls!

*** The meat of the all-star schedule will kick off this week as five All-Star teams will hit the field in sub-district play. The Dixie Minor All-Stars will compete in Troy, the Dixie Youth All-Stars will compete in Brantley, the Dixie Boys All-Stars will compete in Greenville, the Dixie Ponytails All-Stars will compete in Brantley and the Dixie Belles All-Stars will compete in Luverne. I know there is no way to watch all the teams in action. However, I urge all Elba sports fans to try and make it to at least one night's action at one of the tournaments to support our youth.

*** With the Dixie Boys 13-year-old All-Stars, the Dixie Debs All-Stars, the Dixie Pre-Majors All-Stars, and the Dixie Majors All-Stars all set to begin tournament play at the District level, it means that a total of 10 All-Star teams from Elba will compete in post-season play. Over 125 youngsters from our leagues will take part in those games, which should make it clear that youth baseball and softball are still very much alive in South Alabama.

*** Alabama head football coach Nick Saban signed his contract last week and it is now official that the new Tide coach can be the man in charge for the next eight years, if he wishes. The contract didn't contain a buy-out clause for the coach if he should decide to leave, but it was filled with incentives that could make college football's highest paid coach even more money. Now that the paperwork has been completed, I know all Crimson Tide fans are ready to kick off the new season and watch their investment pay off.

*** In closing... I understand the Alabama High School Athletic Association makes the rules for its members to follow, and also understand that the organization has made it clear it will never allow one of its member schools to participate in a scheduled event on Sunday. Even though I agree with its stance concerning Hoover, maybe someone should have called the folks up in Ohio and told them that Prattville is the state championship team from Alabama and not Hoover. Just to let them know that here in Alabama games are won on the field and not on the tube.

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In journey action

Elba All-Star teams ready to take the field

The Elba Dixie Baseball and Dixie Softball Leagues have selected their All-Star teams for the upcoming sub-district and district tournaments. Following are team rosters:

DIXIE BASEBALL

Dixie Minor All-Stars
Griffin Martin, Dalton Sewell, Avery Hanchey, Quam Jordan, Shawn Camley, Jordan Kidd, Ty Stewart, Chance Johnson, J. Cole Spicer, Chase Moseley, B.J. Free, Kenneth Neil Amison, Covosea's Sinson
Coaches: Daniel Kidd, Brian Free, Mike Amison

Dixie Youth All-Stars
Hayes Spicer, Harry Griffin, Ashton Senn, Austin Johnson,

Tyler Anderson, Justin Pope, Kyson Edwards, Ryan Marler, Jordan McDaniel, Jake Camley, Garrett Smith, Jon Ashley Amison, Logan Bailey
Coaches: Glen Johnson, Greg Bailey, Terry Spicer

Dixie Boys (13) All-Stars
Brandon Farnon, Chris Green, Brackin Hutto, Gumar McCollough, Seth Kilerosey, Zach Wiley, Reed Kilerosey, Cassius Tillis, Matt Holmes, Taylor Tew, Adam Hill, Samson Dismukes, Zack Ward
Coaches: Charles Street, Bret Mitchell, Colby Capps

Dixie Boys (14) All-Stars
Parker, Koundra Edwards, Chase Hendrix, Jantzen Flowers, Chester

Person, Zach Johnson, Devonte Porter, Ethan Kyser, William Morgan, LaDarran Gully, Taylor Stephens, William Bedsole, Cameron Miles
Coaches: Jimmy Hardy, Danny Stephens, Jerry Bedsole

DIXIE SOFTBALL

Dixie Angels All-Stars
Claire Powell, Katie Qualls, Courtney Brown, Keri Hurd, Faith Dewberry, Harlee McCloud, Heidi McCloud, Whitney Rugg, Ariel Scott, Emilee Hudson, Mary Brunson, Abby Parrish
Coach: Amy Hurd

Dixie Ponytails All-Stars
Shelby Sorrells, Hannah Goodson, Shelby Jo Vinson,

Alex Ketchum, Kennedy Sanders, Brittany Acreman, Ashley Desanto, Meagan Conclunon, Stae Sams, Erica Edwards, Mandi Mallory, Mallory Holloway
Coach: Michael Goodson

Dixie Belles All-Stars
Nicole Napper, Kelli Behrens, Hillarie Davis, Kayla Bagwell, Shelby Boswell, Bethany Wilson, Sarah Banz, Molly McGuire, Jacquetta Whitfield, Cortnee Driggers, Cortlin Lee, Janae Camley
Coach: Kim Bane

All-Star teams for the Dixie Debs, Dixie Pre-Majors and Dixie Majors will be announced next week.

EOCC to host 2nd "Next Level" basketball camp

Ray Lolley Gymnasium on the Enterprise-Ozark Community College campus will be the setting for the Second Annual "Next Level" Basketball Camp June 25-28.

"George Scott and EOCC players, both men and women, will join me as instructors."

"This camp is for those players who are hopeful of taking their game to the next level, whatever that level may be,"

Ayers said. "Whether it's to make a team, get more playing time on the existing team, they're on or if it's to learn to play better, this camp is for them."

Cost of the camp is \$65 per camper. Camp times are 1:30-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Anyone interested in attending the camp should call Ayers at 324-347-2623 extension 2303.

AHSAA board denies Hoover request, cuts back regular season in baseball and softball

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's Central Board of Control met last week in a called meeting and denied appeals from Hoover High School and Weaver High School, gave its approval to move the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Classic to December, and made changes to the high school baseball and softball seasons.

An appeal from Hoover High School was heard concerning the school's request to play a football game on June 2, in the Kirk Herbstreit Ohio vs. USA Challenge, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The request had been denied earlier, but at last week's meeting Hoover Supt. of Education Andy Craig, Hoover athletic director Jerry Browning, Hoover head coach

Rush Probst, and Josh Johnson, president of the event, were present to ask for the change. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted unanimously to uphold the earlier decision not to allow the Alabama high school team from playing on Sunday.

The appeal from Weaver High School centered around the ejection of a baseball coach from a game during the 2007 season. Weaver principal Frances Shipp and Weaver head coach Ronnie Henderson made the appeal. After a discussion in executive session, the board voted unanimously to uphold the decision.

In other action, the board approved by a unanimous vote with one abstention to move the Alabama-Mississippi all-star football game from June to December. The tentative date is set for Dec. 17 at Ladd Peaches Stadium, in Mobile. The Super Six state football championship playoff ends on Dec. 8, and current seniors will be invited to participate.

The board, upon a recommendation from the coaches' sports committee, approved changing the first round of the high school baseball playoffs from a one-game contest to a best-of-three series. It also voted to reduce the number of regular season playing dates from 20 to 18.

For more information call the Elba Dept. of Parks and Recreation 897-6833 or the city pool 897-0555.

Life jackets do make a difference

As the July 4th holiday remains one of the busiest boating weekends of the year, safety

advocates say life jackets could play a pivotal role in keeping boaters out of harm's way this holiday.

Research conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard continues to indicate that wearing a life jacket is the number one safety precaution boaters can take on the water: in 2005, 87 percent of boating fatalities victims who drowned were not wearing life jackets. "When you are heading out to the water for a day of relaxation on your boat, the last thing you usually think about is the possibility of running into trouble," says Virgil Chambers, Executive Director of the National Safe Boating Council, the organization that produces the annual "Wear It" campaign. "But accidents happen in an instant, and if you aren't wearing your life jacket, the reality is that you probably won't have time to reach for a stowed one."

Although life jackets have received more visibility in recent years, a major obstacle to wearing them, says Chambers, is that boaters often think, "It can't happen to me." In order to ensure a national dialogue about life jackets and to remind boaters that accidents can indeed happen when least expected, Miller is using her celebrity to promote the national "Be a Survivor" contest - a summer-long initiative that encourages recreational boaters of all ages to submit their personal stories on how the life jacket has made a difference in their boating experiences. Boaters can enter online at www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com.

Jason Fowler leads all the way to win Street Stock feature at SAS

By Mark Chisum

Jason Fowler took the lead on the first lap of South Alabama Speedway's Street Stock Feature and was never challenged as he took his first win of the season. Fowler started third, but quickly got past pole sitter Chris Salter to take control of the race.

Jeff Rudd moved into second on the second lap and chased Fowler the rest of the way. Rudd closed the gap slightly, but had his hands full with Kyle Sims and Bill Bethea III. Rudd's last shot came when the caution flew on lap 18. Sims retired to the pits and Bethea picked up the challenge for second. While Rudd was busy trying to hold on to the spot, Fowler slipped further away. Fowler was several car lengths ahead of Rudd at the finish.

Andy Pugh picked up his second Super Stock win in as many starts. Heath Mills grabbed the early lead from the outside pole. Pugh moved into second on lap four and quickly closed the gap on Mills. Pugh slipped past Mills on lap 12 and cruised home for the win. Jody Henderson followed Pugh past Mills and chased Pugh the remainder of the race.

Rudd fared better in the Vintage Feature, taking the checkered flag. Teddy Sasser led the first four laps before being sent to the pits for leaking oil. Rudd took over and went on to an easy win over Jamie Ater.

The Roadrunner Feature was an exciting race until Billy Maxie took control and sped away from the field. LaDunn Stokes took the early lead, followed by John Singletary and Maxie. The three battled for the top spot for several laps, going side by side and nose to tail. Singletary worked his way past Stokes on lap six with Maxie following. Maxie then worked his way past Singletary to take the lead on lap 12. Once out front, Maxie steadily pulled away to take the win. Singletary followed in second.

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ELBA DIXIE ANGELS ALL-STARS OPEN WITH TWO WINS AT SUB-DISTRICT TOURNAMENT - The Elba Dixie Angels All-Stars began tournament play last week in Brantley and posted wins over Luverne 22-12 and Brantley 7-6, in seven innings, to move into the finals of the winners' bracket. Elba and Opp were the only two undefeated teams in the double-elimination tournament entering the third round of play.

(Photos by Mike Capps)

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

Gourds are still good homes for many birds

By Mark S. Sasser, Wildlife Biologist, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

A Gourd is still one of the best and most economical birdhouses you can find. Prices generally run from \$1 to \$2 each when purchased from a grower, harvested straight from the field.

Some growers and suppliers sell gourds pre-drilled and entrance holes pre-cut, but expect to pay \$4 to \$5, maybe more, for each prepared gourd.

If you purchase gourd houses painted and decorated, like the ones you see at local flea markets, expect to pay even more.

With a few small tools, it is a relatively easy task to make your own gourd birdhouse. Simply cut the proper entrance hole, drill a few drain holes in the bottom, drill a hole at the top and run a wire through the hole, and it is ready to hang.

Select the size gourd from the grower that best suits your needs. Large gourds are the best for purple martins, while smaller gourds work better for bluebirds or wrens. If the gourd has not been harvested long enough to be seasoned, dry it by placing in a sunny area and turn it every few days until you can hear the seeds rattling when you shake it. Once it is completely dry, you are ready to begin preparation.

To prepare a gourd for a birdhouse, begin by marking a proper sized entrance hole. Be sure the bottom of the entrance hole is not too low to the bottom. This will prevent fledglings from falling out of the gourd before it is time for them to leave the nest. Cut out the hole with a keyhole saw, jig saw, or use a hole saw bit with your drill. I prefer a hole saw bit because it is quick and makes a smooth, uniform hole. Bore several 1/4-inch holes in the bottom for adequate drainage. Clean out the dried seeds and drill a 1/4-inch hole through the top, attach a wire hanger and the birdhouse is ready for hanging. A gourd birdhouse will usually last two years, but for added protection and longevity, varnish or paint with a light-colored paint to prevent overheating.

Fisherman that doesn't want to tie up money in several different rods will do well with a medium action rod. It simply combines casting accuracy and enough backbone for setting the hook. If you are picking a rod for a youngster or as a gift for the average fisherman, you can't go too wrong with a medium action rod.

When purchasing a rod, check to see what weight lures the rod is rated for. It will usually be listed on the large end of the rod near the grip. Most rods can handle a lure - ounce heavier or lighter than what the rod calls for.

One doesn't have to be a rocket scientist or do a lot of research to pick a good rod. Just have a general idea of the species of fish you will be after and the conditions you will be fishing under.

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Deadline announced for Miss Coffee County Agriculture interview process

The interview process used to select Coffee County Miss Agriculture will be held Thursday, July 12, at the Coffee County Farm Center community room beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Interested applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25 and live or attend school in Coffee County. Dress for the interview process is formal business suit.

Miss Coffee County Agriculture will represent Coffee County at various agricultural and community functions throughout the year, to bring awareness to agriculture. She will receive a cash prize totaling \$400 at the county level and represent Coffee County at the state level, competing for a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a new car for one year. The first runner up will receive a cash prize of \$200 and the second runner up will receive a cash prize of \$100.

Applications can be picked up at the Enterprise or Elba ALFA offices. For more information call Andy Lavender (334) 735-9211 or Shirley York (334) 347-9558. Deadline to enter is Tuesday, July 10.

Lifeguard on Duty

Elba City Pool open for "fun in the sun"

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

With the weather so hot and muggy, many people find themselves searching for ways to "beat the heat" somehow. One of the most common ways is to take a plunge in the pool.

The Elba City Pool, located at Hawkins Williams Park, is open six days a week for that purpose. The pool is open Tuesday-Saturday from 12 (noon) until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Admission to the pool is \$3 for ages 12 and up, \$2 for 12 and under, and those age 1 and under are admitted free.

The City of Elba employs five lifeguards at the city pool to insure the safety of those swimming at the pool. Each year, these lifeguards complete a training course designed to teach them how to react if someone is drowning. They also take classes to learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

"All rules are strictly enforced," said lifeguard Derrick Manning. "The main rule, however, is no running. We don't want anyone to slip and fall in or around the pool."

Another important rule the lifeguards wished to remind everyone is that no cut off jeans,



Lifeguards at the Elba City Pool are trained on how to react if someone is drowning, as well as trained to perform CPR. Also, to ensure the safety of all swimmers, the lifeguards make sure one and all follow the pool rules and regulations. Lifeguards Ryan Kinsaul and Melanie Mulzarz are shown above with a sign posted at the pool to help better explain this list of rules for all swimmers.

shorts or other pants may be worn in the pool, and t-shirts are also not allowed in the pool.

Besides being a place of recreation, the city pool also serves as a learning facility at specific occasions during the summer when the lifeguards offer swimming lessons. Already this year, swimming lessons were held June 4th-8th, and additional swimming lesson times may be announced at a later date.

When asked why the pool is a great place to spend the hot days of summer, lifeguard Amber Hudson said, "We have the pool for kids and adults both to cool off in, and we also have refreshments. We sell chips and candy bars and drink machines are also available."

Manning said many people want to come to the pool to try to get a tan, and with that in mind, he said new chairs to "lay out" in have been purchased.

The Elba City Pool does have a smaller pool, known as the "kiddie pool." This pool is currently under repair but should be finished soon.

Pool parties are available by reservation. To reserve a date and time for a party, call the Elba Recreation Center at (334) 897-6833.

TOWN

(Continued from Page One)

Fitzsimmons Street, addressed council members regarding the condition of the street.

The MacChis Creek Indian Tribe donated \$100 to the New Brockton Police Department.

Several information announcements were made, including:

- Downtown Revitalization group meeting will be held Tuesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. All interested persons are asked to attend this meeting.
- Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

On Tuesday of this week, Dorsey said he officially had been on the job for two weeks.

However, he said a lot of work has gotten done in those two weeks.

Dorsey said already the management has been able to hire some good people to come to work for Pitts.

Dorsey said the management team realizes it is going to take some time to restore confidence in the Dorsey name. However, he said it is a challenge he and

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Pitts Enterprises officially announces purchase of Dorsey Trailers in Elba

Jeff Pitts, President of Pitts Enterprises, has announced the recent purchase of Dorsey Trailers, in Elba, Ala.

Pitts Enterprise is the largest producer of forestry related trailers in the nation. The firm, headquartered in Pittsview, Ala., founded by Mr. Andrew Pitts in 1976, was recently classified by industry sources as the 22nd largest truck trailer manufacturing company in the nation. The company is in line to produce 2,000 trailers this year.

Under the new ownership

Dorsey Trailers will be a division of Pitts Enterprises and will manufacture a variety of over-the-road trailers bearing the Dorsey nameplate. The main focus of the local plant is to supply a national network of dealer's needs in the tradition of high quality trailers which established the Dorsey label throughout the past century.

Additionally the Elba plant will support the other two Pitts trailer plants, the 170,000 square foot Pittsview headquarters facility and Dynaweld

Trailers in Columbus, Ga.

The original plant at Pittsview builds traditional forestry and construction related trailers. Dynaweld Trailers, the Columbus, Ga. division, specializes in heavy haul equipment and utility trailers.

Mr. Pitts said he is indebted to the Dorsey family, former employees and the long time dealers across the nation for establishing the company as a

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Dorsey leaders speak to Elba Rotary Club members

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The members of the Elba Rotary Club received a special treat Tuesday, June 26, as the new owner of Dorsey Trailers visited the regular weekly meeting.

David Dorsey, general manager of the Dorsey division of Pitts Enterprises in Elba, was the scheduled speaker for the meeting. Much to the surprise of the club members, Dorsey was joined at the meeting by Jeff Pitts, president and owner of Pitts Enterprises.

Pitts Enterprises recently purchased the Elba trailer facility and will soon have it operational again.

On Tuesday of this week, Dorsey said he officially had been on the job for two weeks. However, he said a lot of work has gotten done in those two weeks.

Dorsey said already the management has been able to hire some good people to come to work for Pitts.

Dorsey said the management team realizes it is going to take some time to restore confidence in the Dorsey name. However, he said it is a challenge he and

Pitts look forward to overcoming.

"We're going to have to start over and mend some relationships," said Dorsey.

He said it will certainly take some time, but he's excited for the opportunity to work on mending those relationships and

restoring confidence in the Dorsey name. Also, he said he's excited about the possibilities Pitts has returned to Elba.

In fielding questions from Rotary members, Dorsey said

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FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYS HOME...Emergency personnel responded to the scene of a house fire early Friday morning, June 22, but the blaze was too far gone to save the structure by the time the responders arrived on scene. The home, located at 42 County Road 337 north of Elba, was reported to be on fire shortly after 2:30 a.m. last Friday morning. Among those dispatched to the scene were members of the Bullock Volunteer Fire Department and Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department. A unit from Coffee County EMS also responded to the scene. Firefighters worked to control the blaze, but that reportedly was all they could do. When the fire was extinguished, the only portion of the home left standing was the chimney (shown above). The burned structure reportedly continued to smolder for quite some time after firefighters extinguished the blaze.

During council meeting

Mayor reports no change in ISO rating for City of Elba

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening, June 25, to recommend to the Elba Planning and Zoning Board the zoning of the 203 Bypass from the Troy Highway to Highway 84 West as a business zone.

Mayor James Grimes explained that additional study was necessary before setting an exact depth from the highway for this business zone, but ongoing and proposed business expansion in the area make it a practical action to take.

Grimes added that he was in discussions with an unnamed business which wants to locate along this route.

In other business related information, the mayor reported that Burger King is expected to be in operation by early October in the old Hardee's location. He added that work is underway on plans for renovating the building and then the work can get underway in earnest.

The mayor said he has had contact with another person wanting to locate a restaurant in Elba. Grimes said he got this individual, who wants Elba as an additional location to his existing restaurant, together with an Elba businessman interested in supplying the facility.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reported only routine activity in the law enforcement department during the past two weeks.

Mayor Grimes reported to council members that it was not good news coming from the ISO inspection of several months ago. He said the report is now in, and Elba will stay a Class 6 community. He said there had been hope the rating would drop

to a Class 5, or lower and thus qualify Elba property owners for lower fire insurance rates.

A score of 50 was necessary to achieve a later rating and Elba only scored 46.31. The examiners looked at the fire department, water supply and communication work in arriving at their score.

Grimes said the shocking thing was that the Elba Volunteer Fire Department actually scored lower in 2007 than in the previous ISO inspection several years ago.

There is an appeal process, but no decision has been made on appealing the test results.

According to officials

Water supply remains good in Elba

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Even with the rain received lately, it is only a "drop in the bucket" compared to what farmers need to have good crops and what cities need for a sufficient water supply.

According to the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority report on monthly and year to date rainfall, however, Elba has seen more rainfall than this time last summer.

The month of May might not show it considering Elba only received 0.44 inches in comparison to 3.08 inches last year. However, a look at the year-to-date will show Elba so far is nearly six inches above the previous year. At this time last year, Elba had received 14.72 inches of rain. This year the local area has accumulated 20.68 inches.

Also in the report, New

The entire test or individual parts may be challenged but there is no guarantee of a better score.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that city crews worked two trash trucks last week in an effort to catch up with a backlog of needs. He added that with homeowners trimming trees and shrubbery this time of year, it is real easy for crews to get behind.

Grantham also said mosquito spraying has started. He added that the extreme dry conditions had allowed the city to postpone beginning of spraying longer than normal.

Brockton had received 16.84 inches at this time last year and has now received 23.36 inches. In comparison, Lowery Mill stayed close to the same as last year. Lowery Mill received 19.44 inches of rain last year and the report shows that 19.96 inches have fallen this year.

With this in mind, City of Elba Water Superintendent Dennis Coleman was asked about Elba's water supply.

"The City of Elba Water System is made up of four storage tanks with a combined 1 million gallons stored and five wells, with one of those wells on standby. The one that is on standby would only be used during an emergency," said Coleman. "Each well pumps between 135,000 and 249,000 (gallons) daily to the storage tanks, which totals nearly 24 million gallons per month."

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Mike Tindell joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department 20 years ago. He currently serves as a captain.

Tindell's special training includes: State Fire Fighting Certification, Extrication Certification and Incident Command.

He said he enjoys being a member of the local fire department because it allows him to help the city and surrounding community.

Mike's family includes his wife, Beverly; daughter, Caitlin; and son, Tristen. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.

He is employed with the Army Fleet Support.



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